Re-emergence of tenancy in States

857. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seven States have still to take measures to confer ownership rights on tenants, if so, the names of the States;

(b) whether the tenancy has re-emerged in other forms where it was abolished, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Legislative provisions are yet to be made to confer ownership rights on tenants in Andhra Pradesh (Andhra area), Bihar, Punjab, Haryana, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal (in respect of bargadars). There are still under-raiyats and sub-tenants in Orissa on whom ownership rights are yet to be conferred. Action is still to be completed in Assam for conferment of ownership rights on tenants. In Meghalaya and Nagaland there is no such provision as community ownership prevails there.

(b) and (c) Though in many States creation of tenancy, except by specified disabled categories, has been prohibited cultivating possession by others have been observed, under the subterfuge of personal cultivation. According to the concensus arrived at the Revenue Ministers' Conference held on 18th May, 1985, it has been suggested to the States/UTs to conduct a detailed investigation by launching a drive by the official machinery enlisting cooperation of the local people, Panchayats and Voluntary Organisations to find out the extent and spread of informal tenancies and thereafter to initiate appropriate legal and administrative action to bring on record all informal tenants and share croppers, irrespective of whether tenancy is recognised or abolished.

Enactment of legislative provisions, where non-existent, for conferment of ownership rights on all categories of tenants including bargadars, has also been suggested, limiting creation of tenancies to specified disabled categories only.

States have also been requested to consider defining 'personal cultivation' more strictly.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Audited Accounts (1984-85) of the Council for Advancement of Rural Technology, New Delhi

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, I wish to announce that the House will sit after 5 P.M. to continue the discussion on the Information and Broadcasting Ministry.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Council for Advancement of Rural Technology, New Delhi for the year 1984-85. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2610/86].

Report and Accounts (1984-85) of the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report of the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune for the year 1984-85.